

**Montgomery County Commissioners Meeting**

**June 3, 2003 ~ 6:00 p.m.**

**Chairman – Billy Maness**

**Vice-Chairman – Dolon Corbett**

**Commissioner – R.C. Bostic**

**Commissioner – Sally Morris**

**Commissioner – George Knight, Jr.**

**County Manager – Lee Matthews**

**Clerk to the Board – Laura B. Morton**

**County Attorney – Russell J. Hollers**

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on June 3, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the County Administration Building. All Board members were present.

*Chairman Maness called the meeting to order and the following was heard:*

Commissioner Bostic gave the invocation in the place of Rev. Paul Whitley who called and said he could not be present.

**Approval of Minutes**

In a motion by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Morris and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes.

*No one spoke during the public forum.*

**Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2003-2004 Operating Budget**

Chairman Maness recessed the regular session and called to order the Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2003-2004 Operating Budget. The following spoke during the public hearing:

Mrs. Cheryl Comer appeared before the board representing the Montgomery County Health Department. She said the employees of the Health Department are concerned about our health insurance. We value our insurance. She read a list of employees that could not attend. She asked if independent practitioners be covered?

Dr. Lindsay Suggs, Superintendent of Schools was present. He presented the EOG testing scores. Ask the board to look at where we were and where we are now. Dr. Suggs said we are exceeding the state averages in several areas. He said there are positive thing that have happened this year. He continued to say that any cuts in funding is going to have to result in cuts in the classroom (i.e. teachers and programs). He said we cut six positions in the county administration office. Dr. Suggs said we need to keep moving forward. He said we reduced the drop out rate this year by 21%. He said I am asking the board for your consideration and he said I don't envy you. Dr. Suggs said what we are doing is important also. Commissioner Knight ask when the state average will be out? Dr. Suggs said in a couple of weeks.

Chairman Maness closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular session.

**Redistricting Plan**

Attorney Michael Crowell was present and he said you have seen and heard the proposed plan. He went over the plan. It includes the following:

- includes one minority majority district, it is not a majority black, but it is a minority;
- three districts, two at large
- each voter will vote at each election
- each voter can vote for the same number of commissioners and a majority of the commissioners

Mr. Crowell told the board they don't have the authority to adopt this plan. He said I need the board's authorization to present this plan to the court. He said it is under the control of the court.

Commissioner Morris said she thinks the plan is good but there will be no run offs.

Commissioner Knight made a motion to accept the plan and authorize the attorney to send the plan to the court. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bostic. The motion carried 4-1 in favor of the motion. (*Voting for the motion: Chairman Maness, Commissioner Knight, Commissioner Bostic, and Commissioner Corbett, voting against the motion was Commissioner Morris.*)

**Badin Lake Fire District Boundary Map**

Fire Chief Gene Hartman was not present.

***Cable Franchise Ordinance***

Mr. Matthews said he talked with four folks about their cable service. He said three of the four were okay with the service they were receiving.

Chairman Maness said we need to get the cable company to come in. Mr. Matthews said he would set it up for a future meeting.

***Badin Lake Fire District Boundary Map***

Fire Chief Gene Hartman came in and presented changes in the map. He explained the process they had gone through. He said the new map includes Heron Bay, Uwharrie Pointe, and Tuckertown.

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Morris, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the boundary map for the Badin Lake Fire District.

***Approval of Contract with Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates for the Airport Layout Plan***

Tim Carpenter was present to present the contract for the Airport Layout Plan. Mr. Carpenter said the NCDOT Division of Aviation is requiring the county to prepare a new ALP in order to continue receiving federal and state funding for airport improvements. Hobbs, Upchurch has been working with the airport committee for several years on our airport improvements. The cost for their services is \$24,000 but the county only has to pay 10% or \$2,400. The remaining 90% (\$21,000) is eligible for federal/state funding.

Commissioner Bostic asked what will be have to do to be able to land corporate jets? Mr. Carpenter explained it depends on the size. Mr. Maness said it is not necessarily the size for the landing.

In a motion made by Commissioner Bostic, seconded by Commissioner Corbett and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the contract with Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates for the ALP.

***Update on Water Project***

Mr. Carpenter said in about three weeks we will be advertising. Chairman Maness asked when will we see pipe? Mr. Carpenter said possibly two months. Chairman Maness said if the weather cooperates.

Commissioner Bostic asked Mr. Carpenter to explain the test that were ran in the Dry Creek area. Mr. Carpenter said that ran water samples of thirty houses. There were two fecal hits and twelve chloroform hits. He discussed funding with the board. He said he can't say 100% that money from the Rural Center will be guaranteed. He found another funding source which is Emergency Funds through the USDA. He said he will contact Mr. Allen Hart and talk with him about that. He said the problem is the funding cycle.

***Sewer Line – Lilly's Bridge Road***

The sewer line will be attached to Lilly's Bridge.

***Declaration of Surplus Equipment***

Mr. Matthews said the auction is on Saturday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m. and Iron Horse Auction will be conducting the sale. He explained there is an additional list of items to be declared surplus and sold at the county auction. It includes several rifles and shotguns from the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Bostic said he was concerned about the guns. Commissioner Knight said he was concerned about the liability. Chairman Maness said he agreed with Commissioner Bostic about the liability.

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Morris, and so the motion carried 4-1 in favor of the additional surplus list. (Voting for the motion, Chairman Maness, Commissioner Corbett, Commissioner Morris, and Commissioner Knight. Voting against the motion Commissioner Bostic).

***Budget Amendments/Revisions***

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Morris and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the Library Literary Grant Amendment in the amount of \$1,000. *A copy of this and all budget amendments/revisions are on file in the clerk to the board's offices as well as the office of the finance officer.*

**Items Carried Forward from the Work Session*****Septic System Application Fee***

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Morris, and so the motion carried 3-2 to refund Mr. Curl's application fee. (Voting for the motion Commissioner Corbett, Commissioner Morris, and Chairman Maness. Voting against the motion Commissioner Bostic and Commissioner Knight.)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

William D. Maness  
William D. Maness, Chairman



Laura B. Morton  
Laura B. Morton, Clerk to the Board